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Poona, 7th January 1924.

From

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Settlement Commissioner and Director of
Land Records;

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Land Records Department for the year ending 31st July 1923.

CHAPTER I.

Prefatory.

1. The charge of the Department was held by Mr. A. W. Mackie, I.C.S., from 1st August to 4th December 1922 and by me for the rest of the year.

2. *Superintendents of Land Records.*—These posts in the three Divisions were held as follows:—

Northern Division—Mr. C. D. Kavi—1-8-22 to 3-5-23 and 15-6-23 to 31-7-23; Mr. M. P. Desai—4-5-23 to 14-6-23.

Central Division—Mr. V. B. Mardhekar—throughout the year.

Southern Division—Mr. E. Gawan Taylor, I.C.S., 1-8-22 to 1-5-23; Rao Saheb D. B. Nesarikar—2-5-23 to 31-7-23.

3. *Touring.*—I toured in the Districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Broach, Surat, Thana, East Khandesh, West Khandesh, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Poona, Satara, and Kolaba. The Superintendent of Land Records, Northern Division, toured for 140 days in all Districts, camping in 25 talukas. Superintendent of Land Records, Central Division, toured for 125 days in six Districts, camping in 16 talukas, and Superintendent of Land Records, Southern Division, toured for 114 days in all Districts of his Division. Besides the routine inspection of villages, Circle Inspectors and Taluka daftars,

special attention was given to city, pot-hissa, and Inam surveys and all measurement work performed by Cadastral Surveyors.

CHAPTER II.

Land Records Establishment.

4. The main function of the Department is to maintain all survey and classification records up to date, and for this purpose to carry out the necessary field operations preliminary to incorporating changes in these records. It has further to organise and carry out rural and city surveys on an extensive scale and maintain them in a state of usefulness. Special surveys for private individuals or bodies such as relate to Inam villages, etc., and surveys on behalf of other departments of Government are also frequently undertaken. The supervision of the preparation and maintenance of the Record of Rights, and the periodical inspections of boundary marks also fall within the scope of the Department.

5. The separation of the District Inspectors of Land Records into an independent cadre and the experimental amalgamation of the District Inspector's post of Panch Mahals with that of Kaira, and the one of Broach with that of Surat as a measure of economy; also the transfer of city survey maintenance surveyors, District Surveyors and Cadastral Surveyors to the control of the Land Records Department are some of the noteworthy events of the year.

6. Owing to continued financial stringency, the usual field party grants were withheld during the financial year 1922-23, and the permanent men of these parties had to be detailed on pot-hissa, city survey, and other works paid for by fees and not out of the budget. The grants have been partly restored for the financial year 1923-24, and a small party of surveyors has been organised in the Central Division since June 1923, which has so far been able to complete the recess work of 9 out of the 22 Inam villages, remaining in arrears since 1921.

Training of Junior Civilians, etc.

7. Six Assistant Collectors and two Deputy Collectors were trained in survey and settlement matters.

District Survey Offices.

8. The outturn of the Central Record Office at Ahmedabad continued to be satisfactory both in quality and quantity. The number of correction cases on hand at the end of the year was 159, the figure for the previous year being 126—a condition by no means unsatisfactory, considering that four places were kept vacant during the year. The number of correction cases disposed of was 1,570 as

against 1,163 last year. Rs. 889 were realised for upplying extracts from survey records and sale of maps. Tallying of Akarbands with the abstracts of village form I was completed in five villages, leaving only nine villages in arrears in the Division.

Thana District Survey Office disposed of 171 cases of correction and the arrears at the end of the year were 131 cases. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 307 and 32 respectively. The shorter outturn of the year is due to the separation of the Bombay Suburban District and a reduction in the correction staff. Rs. 427 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and sale of maps. Both these offices were inspected by the Superintendent and the Settlement Commissioner.

9. District Survey Offices in the Central Division disposed of 1,504 correction cases as against 1,629 of last year, leaving 205 cases in arrears as against 72 of last year. The reason for this increase of arrears is that last year the Cadastral Surveyors helped the District Survey Offices, in the rains, in correction work. This year the Cadastral Surveyors had many measurement cases and so they were employed in disposing of them in rains also and thus could not help the District Survey Office staff as usual. The Superintendent of Land Records inspected all the offices except Nasik. The Settlement Commissioner inspected the offices at Nasik, East and West Khandesh, and Ahmednagar.

10. In the Southern Division, the District Survey Offices disposed of 2,670 correction cases as against 2,072 of last year, leaving 1,007 cases in arrears as against 1,048 of last year. Work in these offices is increasing in respect of all kinds of cases mainly due to Hissa Survey maintenance in all districts except Kanara, where the increase is due to correction work of Betta assignments. The Superintendent inspected all the offices and the Settlement Commissioner inspected the office at Kolaba. Arrangements are being made to cope with the arrears in the Southern Division and Thana.

District Inspectors.

11. Statement IV shows the routine work of these officers. Comparing with last year the amount of Inspection work has greatly diminished in all respects. This is due to orders to restrict their inspection to villages in vicinity of those they have necessarily to go for technical work. Surat and Broach were in charge of one District Inspector as also Kaira and Panch Mahals.

12. The work of Messrs. Moghe (Thana), Shukla (Surat), Joshi (Sholapur), Vellal (West Khandesh), and Tillu (East Khandesh) is specially commended by the Superintendents of Land Records.

In this the Director of Land Records concurs. The work of two or three District Inspectors has not been satisfactory : but disciplinary action can now be taken by the Director and has been taken. We have also got rid of some unsatisfactory men.

Measurement Work.

13. The following statement will show the establishment employed, its outturn and financial position :—

Division.	Strength of		Survey Nos. and Hissas measured.		Fees earned including Government work.	Cost of establishment.
	Cadastral Surveyors.	District Surveyors.	Private.	For Government.		
					Rs.	Rs.
Northern Division...	17	6	New Hissas 10,704; Survey Nos. 1,425.	Survey Nos. 809.	18,013	14,988
Central Division ...	45	7	New Hissas 15,355; Survey Nos. 6,409.	Hissas 884; Survey Nos. 3,298.	39,099	46,645
Southern Division...	23	6	New Hissas 18,983; Survey Nos. 4,135	Hissas 460; Survey Nos. 2,788.	38,242	43,680
	25 (temporary.)					

14. In the Northern Division there is a net gain of Rs. 3,025 and so the staff is self-supporting. In the Central and Southern Divisions there is a deficit of Rs. 7,546 and Rs. 5,438 respectively. This deficit is chiefly due to the high pay of District Surveyors. These are supervising officers checking the work of the Cadastral Surveyors and doing only important and intricate measurement work. In order to make the staff self-supporting, measurement fees were raised from January 1923. Some measurement work was therefore done on the old fee scale. It is hoped that the new fee scale will show better results next year. After all Rs. 10,000 is not much nett cost for the maintenance of 110 trained surveyors in the Presidency.

15. Statement II shows the outturn of measurement and classification work in each District. In the Northern Division, Kaira District deserves special mention for reducing the arrears in spite of increased work. Arrears have increased in Broach and Surat. The Division as a whole shows good progress.

16. In the Central Division the arrears are kept low ; but still Ahmednagar, West Khandesh, Poona, and Sholapur show increased arrears. Special efforts should be made to reduce the arrears. The numbers of the staff are very modest.

17. In the Southern Division the arrears have been reduced ; still the arrears have increased in Dharwar and Kanara. In Dharwar it is due to insufficiency of the staff. In Kanara one man had been on leave and quite a new man was appointed to act.

Circle Inspectors.

18. Statement I shows the work of these officials. Compared to last year some improvement is noticeable.

19. Statement III also shows improvement in the inspection work of Mamlatdars and Sub-Divisional Officers although their touring had been restricted. Now that restraints are no longer

imposed on touring, it is hoped the attention to village details will increase. They are the fundamentals of all our Revenue and Land Administration and cannot be neglected.

Boundary Disputes.

20. Two petty cases of boundary disputes with Baroda and Sachin were settled by the District Inspector of Land Records, Surat, under the special orders of the Collector, and one case between British Government and Portuguese Government was settled by the District Inspector of Land Records, Thana. The settlement of boundary disputes between British and Baroda territories was kept in abeyance, pending Government orders about a convention, which have been received recently and now require execution.

Measurement of Sub-Divisions.

21. During the past few years the work of measuring newly formed sub-divisions of survey numbers and of calculating the assessment on each of them has been in progress in all the Divisions of the Presidency. In Gujarat the work has been finally completed during this year. In Thana 20 villages of Shahapur Circle left over last year, 34 villages of Dolkhamb Circle and 50 of Kinhivali Circle were taken up. The total number of hissas measured and mapped was 36,891 as against 21,335 hissas in 201 villages measured during the previous year. The results achieved are highly creditable, considering the difficulties presented by the climate as well as the hilly character of most of the tract covered by the operations. In the whole Northern Division, only revision pot-hissa work in North Salsette now remains to be taken in hand. Rs. 4,035 remain to be recovered in Gujarat. In Thana, recovery statements for Rs. 30,205 were sent to talukas. Rs. 15,945 including past arrears were recoverd. Rs. 15,109 still remain to be recovered.

22. In the *Central Division* there are 16 field parties and one headquarter party distributed between Poona and Satara. Seventy-nine villages in the Poona District and 59 in Satara were taken up, the total number of new hissas measured and mapped being 230,817 as against 164,299 last year. In the Ahmednagar District the work is complete. Elsewhere it is in progress and will take about three or four years more to complete. Two triangulation parties were also organised—one for conducting surveys of Inam villages in the Satara District for Record of Rights, and the other a temporary one for the survey of Shedani (Mulshi Peta). Demand statements for Rs. 1,86,464 were sent to talukas. Including arrears of past years Rs. 2,44,155 were recovered. Rs. 1,96,357 remain as arrears.

23. *Southern Division.*—In 127 villages of the Kolaba District the work was completed in respect of 28,819 hissas. Re-survey and hissa survey of Kadwai in the Ratnagiri District was also taken up and about three-fourths finished. Demand statements for Rs. 1,61,748 were sent to the talukas. Including arrears of past years Rs. 1,08,591 were recovered. Rs. 1,07,157 remain as arrears.

In the Southern Division this task, as in N. D., is now finally completed except for some of the Khoti villages in Mahad and Kanara District.

24. These important measurements of the internal holdings in lump survey numbers are carried out by expert parties working under the vigilant supervision of able and competent officers. The results are much appreciated by the mass of small landholders whose rights of tenures would be otherwise inextricably confused. From the beginning the Department has now surveyed at no cost to the general tax-payer:—

Up to 1921-22 ...		...	5,083,591
1922-23—			
Northern Division ...	48,586		
Central Division ...	265,120		
Southern Division ...	52,084		
			365,790
	Total	...	5,449,381

Figures for 1922-23 include hissas measured by Cadastral Surveyors also.

Chapter III.

Survey and Settlement.

Revenue Survey.

25. All important revenue survey work is done by the field parties; it is either (*a*) work done at the cost of Government, or (*b*) paid work, of which the cost is recoverable. Government work had everywhere to be suspended for want of budget provision: a state of things that could not be tolerated long.

26. *Northern Division.*—The completion of the survey of the Salun-Dakor Road (Kaira) done for the Public Works Department, the survey of the Rentlav-Palasna Road (Surat) undertaken on behalf of the District Local Board, and of Piraman-Kapodra Road (Broach), and the survey of lands acquired for new Kashela bridges and their approaches on the Tansa Main Quadrupling Line (Thana) for the Bombay Municipality are some of the important surveys carried out during the year.

27. *Central Division.*—The principal surveys carried out during the year are (1) the survey on minor triangulation method of the Inam village of Shedani in the Mulshi Peta of the Poona District, including the classification and other operations done for the Inamdar for settlement purposes, (2) the survey of three villages, Hali, Karvande and Talpada, in the Surgana State done for the Deshmukh of Surgana, and (3) the survey on minor triangulation method of five inam villages in the Satara District, *viz.* Kolewadi, Belawade Bk., Savade, Warujni and Wadgaon Haveli, for Record of Rights purposes. Two joint surveys for Provincial road purposes

were besides undertaken, one of Karmala-Jeur Road, and the other of Ule-Kasegaon Road, both in the Sholapur District.

28. *Southern Division.*—The survey of 16 out of 23 villages of the Here Jaghir was completed at a total cost of a little over Rs. 15,000. In 3 other villages it is in progress. The Shirsangi Desgat survey was resumed, and the work of 6 villages has been completed at a cost of Rs. 5,432. Survey for the introduction of settlment which was in progress last year in Apte, Koral, and Punade of the Biwalkar Jaghir, and that of the Inam villages of Khar-Naringi, Kurkumbi-Koltembi and Vat have also been completed.

Recess work of some 21 Inam villages of Dharwar which was in arrear last year for want of funds has now been taken up on the partial restoration of the grants.

Settlements.

29. Government passed orders on the proposals for the revision settlement of Dholka and South Daskroi (Ahmedabad), Pachora taluka including Bhadgaon peta (East Khandesh), Karjat and Sangamner talukas and Jamkhed Mahal (Ahmednagar), Sangola and Pandharpur talukas (Sholapur), and Panvel taluka and Uran peta (Kolaba).

Orders were also issued settling the following Inam villages :— Kujat (South Daskroi), Yeoti (Shrigonda), Peth (Khed, Poona District), Shiravali (Bhimthadi), Tigni-birdi (Bijapur), and Hallur and Chondi (Muddebihal).

These revision settlements, it is instructive to note, are being viewed by the general public with a depth of interest rarely evinced in pre-Reform days.

30. Settlement reports of North Daskroi, Viramgam, Sanand and Gogha were under consideration of the Commissioner, Northern Division, those of Sindkheda and Kopergaon under consideration of the Commissioner, Central Division, and of Wai, Koregaon, Khanapur, Katav, and Man were with the Collector of Satara (since received). Settlement reports of Rajapur and Deogad are with the Settlement Commissioner. The Superintendents of Land Records submitted settlement reports of Inam villages of Vasna Bujrag (Matar), Vatva (South Daskroi), Pathraj, Dhekwad, and Shedani.

It has been a very heavy year for settlement work : and the next year is equally so. These settlements of course in most cases bring the pitch of land revenue income nearer to the present value of money and expenditure standards, and so afford a great relief to Provincial Finance: but impose a heavy strain in this Department.

Chapter IV.

City Surveys.

31. *Northern Division.*—The city surveys of Ankleshwar, Murbad, Shahapur and Dohad which were in progress last year and that of Dahanu taken up this year have all been completed. Revision of Broach city survey and survey of the town of Cambay which was in

progress last year were also completed. The work in Ahmedabad has also been practically completed. In Surat the actual survey of properties has been completed and enquiry into titles is in progress. The city survey of Ahmedabad is the most important, dealing with nearly 75,000 properties at a total cost of about Rs. 1,32,000. A very important feature is that when Ahmedabad was surveyed about 1875, being then a smaller city, it cost over Rs. 3,75,000. The very large saving is the result of a trained staff and the far more perfectly organised and codified method of working under the new City Survey Manual. Next in importance is the Surat city survey comprising about 40,000 properties.

The city survey work of Kaira, Modasa and Jambusar are in progress.

Thirteen city surveys are now under regular maintenance.

32. *Central Division.*—During the year the city surveys of Karad (Satara), Erandol (East Khandesh), Nandurbar extension (West Khandesh) and Sangamner (Ahmednagar) have been completed. Those of Dharangaon and Chopda in East Khandesh, Nawapur in West Khandesh, and Wai and Panchgani in Satara are in progress.

Seventeen city surveys in all are now under regular maintenance in this Division.

Village-site surveys of Bhokri and Tamaswadi in East Khandesh are also in progress.

33. *Southern Division.*—The city survey of Bijapur was completed during the year. The Hubli revision survey and the survey of the towns of Panwel and Uran in Kolaba and Nargund in Dharwar District were in progress.

Eleven city surveys have now come under regular maintenance.

The subject of city surveys is now one of increasing importance; their main object being the confirmation of existing titles and their maintenance, their utility as evidence in future will be appreciated as much by the Government as a large property holder as by the general public which will be freed from an incubus of doubt and litigation. The value per yard of land in every city under survey is increasing, and the future importance and value of these surveys is incalculable. The administrative value of exact large scale maps of every town of any magnitude in the presidency is very great; but it is obtained as a by-product of these surveys.

Village Site Surveys.

34. The 24 village sites in Gujarat and one in the Central Division surveyed previously are being properly maintained.

Photozinco Press.

35. The work turned out by the various processes in the Printing Branch of the Press during the financial year consists of 1,073,242 Machine pulls costing Rs. 28,342, and 77,983 hand pulls costing

Rs. 17,906. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 1,081,595 machine pulls costing Rs. 34,038 and 63,819 hand pulls costing Rs. 13,906. Its work is reviewed in a separate Administration Report.

CHAPTER V.

Record of Rights.

36. The introduction of the Maxwell System of re-writing having been recently approved by Government, the work in a number of talukas which fell due this year has been postponed pending detailed instructions which are now printed and being issued. Re-writing will disappear from the machinery after 1923. In other talukas where it had been already started or could not be conveniently postponed, it was duly carried out. The details are as given below :—

Northern Division.—Four circles in Kalyan (Thana) were completed. In Surat one village Ohond in Chikli taluka.

Central Division.—In the Sholapur District, re-writing was completed in 63 villages of Malshiras and 114 of Karmala. In Satara the work was completed for 33 villages in the Khandala Mahal. In the Nasik District, re-writing was due this year in some six talukas, and while in three the work was nearly completed (except for certain villages in the Baglan taluka), that of the remaining three was postponed pending the completion of the Pot Hissa operations. In the East Khandesh District the rough copies of the Record have been completed for Pachora, Jalgaon, Yawal and Chopda talukas and Bhadgaon Peta, but the fair-copying has been postponed pending introduction of the Maxwell System. In West Khandesh re-writing in Nandurbar which was in progress last year has been completed.

Southern Division.—In the following areas the re-writing was completed—

Belgaum—Sampgaon, Chikodi and Athni talukas.

Bijapur—Indi, Bijapur, Bagewadi, Muddebihal and Hungund.

Kanara—Karwar, Kumtha, Bhatkal and Ankola.

Ratnagiri—Sangameshwar, Khed and Chiplun.

Kolaba—Alibag (2 circles) and the Khoti villages in Mahad and Mangaon talukas,

while it was in progress in Dharwar, Hubli, Gadag and Kalghatgi talukas and in part of the Alibag taluka.

Retrenchment.

37. Two posts of District Inspectors of Land Records, Panch Mahals and Broach, with their two seven-monthly peons have been kept vacant, amalgamating them with Kaira and Surat respectively. Four posts in the Central Record Office and two in the District Survey Office, Thana, have been kept vacant. Three clerks in the

city survey offices at Viramgam, Nadiad, and Broach have been discontinued. The post of the Assistant District Inspector of Land Records, Ratnagiri, was abolished.

General Remarks.

38. The year has not been one of spectacular changes: but of ding-dong work along the established lines: but as our machinery gets more efficient and ambitious, and the bulk of details to be controlled grows greater (new city surveys, more mapped Pot Hissas, larger surveys, and revision settlement staff) so the stream of work pouring into my office grows fuller. The staff of my office have had a heavy year's work. Mr. Antia has still rendered invaluable assistance. Mr. G. V. Vellal, B.A., LL.B., took his place with credit for four months.

I am grateful to the whole staff and to the Superintendents of Land Records for their ungrudging labour. This report has been prunned down to a bare recital of figures which does not disclose the zealous work which has been their chief ingredient.

In Sind Mr. Jagatsing Ailmal has held charge throughout the year. I have not been able to get to Sind—I am going in a few weeks. In N. D., Mr. Kavi is a tower of strength: his zeal for efficiency and economy, and his business methods are admirable. Mr. Mardhekar, M. A. (Superintendent of Land Records, Central Division), a most experienced Superintendent, has the heaviest charge and has continued to administer it with minute care, and strictness. In S. D., Mr. Taylor, I. C. S., unfortunately had to take leave, with health impaired: and his successor Mr. H. F. Ball, I. C. S., was not available till almost the end of the year.

39. The report is late on account of heavy pressure of work in office. It is also partly due to late receipt of statistical information from some Districts.

F. G. H. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissioner and Director
of Land Records.

STATEMENT I.

STATEMENT

Statement I showing crop, waste, boundary marks and other inspections

Name of District.	Number of Circle Inspectors in the District.	Number of villages in each District.		Number of days actually devoted to inspection work.
		Total.	Number inspected.	
1	2	3	4	5
Northern Division.				Average.
Ahmedabad	18	(a) 450	450	199
Kaira	20	(a) 589	561	254
Panch Mahals	13	430	421	213
Broach	14	415	896	131
Surat	17	821	792	89
Thana	35	(b) 1,547	1,456	156
Central Division.				
East Khandesh	41	1,802½	1,802½	146
West Khandesh	28	1,218	1,218	225
Nasik	38	1,695	1,657	230
Ahmednagar	34	1,375	1,359	249
Poona	26	1,176	1,064	113
Sholapur	15	702	700	242
Satara	35	1,358	1,358	210
Southern Division.				
Belgaum	28	1,083	1,000	181
Bijapur	24	1,168	1,011	273½
Dharwar	37	(c) 1,279	1,179	244
Kolaba	30	(d) 1,627	1,486	120
Ratnagiri	17	(e) 321	301	145
Kanara	29	1,419	1,366	175

I.

carried out by Circle Inspectors in the districts during the year 1922-23.

Crop and Tenancy Inspection.		Waste Inspection.		Repair of boundary marks.	
Total number of occupied Survey Numbers.	Number of Survey Numbers and Sub-divisions.	Number of waste numbers other than forest.	Number inspected.	Number of villages due for repair.	
				Arrears of past year.	Current year's programme.
6	7	8	9	10	11
176,352	28,542 / H 3,016	29,190	5,504	6	52
309,665	32,366 / H 24,406	17,212	1,718	3	61
83,182	16,499	12,315	2,525	4	51
126,516	16,750 / H 28,994	9,033	1,645	.....	41
245,644	29,930 / H 50,602	11,642	1,946	.....	81
197,139	13,753	16,538	2,371	(*f*) 15½	141½
210,624	22,964 / H 12,985	9,136	2,521	.....	237
148,850	26,009	13,827	2,314	43	175
237,705	32,216	11,726	1,724	25½	115
243,076	32,630	5,260	1,756	(*g*) 3	197
215,410	17,464 / H 14,238	2,578	673	71	80
113,320	16,562	2,721	621	.....	76
283,401	32,036 / H 115,431	1,946	867	7	109
183,865	26,858 / H 28,476	5,689	1,083	.....	87
184,543	21,340 / H 18,308	3,150	1,077	.....	47
166,174	44,648	8,044	2,016	7	130
153,445	12,034	6,562	2,274	118½	153½
55,251	3,971 / H 34,089	2,148	579	8	34½
140,895	31,392 / H 18,255	10,992	3,446	4	118

H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

Name of District.	Repair of boundary marks.			
	Number of villages completely inspected and repaired.		Balance of villages outstanding at close of season.	
	Arrears of past year.	Current year's programme.	Arrears of past year.	Current year's programme.
1	12	13	14	15
Northern Division.				
Ahmedabad	1	49	5	3
Kaira	...	.....	.....	.....
Panch Mahals	3	48	1	3
Broach	...	40	.....	1
Surat	...	79	.....	2
Thana	4½	140½	11	1
Central Division.				
East Khandesh	...	237	.....	.....
West Khandesh	3	168	40	7
Nasik	2	125	23½	20
Ahmednagar	3	121½	.....	75½
Poona	51	45	20	35
Sholapur	...	64	.....	12
Satara	5	106	2	3
Southern Division.				
Belgaum	...	86	.....	1
Bijapur	...	23½	.....	23½
Dharwar	7	117	... ..	13
Kolaba	60⅛	109	58	44⅛
Ratnagiri	8	27¼	.....	7
Kanara	3	146	1	2

I—*concluded.*

Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors of the District on inspection and repairs.	Inspection of Tagai works.		Number of entries checked in the Birth and Death Register.	Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII.	Remarks.
	Number of Tagai works examined.	Number in which work was finished.			
16	17	18	19	20	21
43	16	.....	7,750	19,475	The Revenue staff checked 40,141 entries in Settlement Register in 166 Talukdari villages.
.....	11	6	12,817	36,486	(*a*) Village Baroda transferred from Ahmedabad to Kaira.
50	4	2	6,388	52,644	
47	.....		6,975	75,071	(*b*) One new village Ismailia added.
45	4	4	13,480	205,898	
100	1	1	11,458	66,215	(*c*) Ten villages in Dharwar Taluka are amalgamated with adjoining villages R—5557—1922.
63	29	19	30,696	91,329	(*d*) Out of Sardar Bivalkar's 16 villages, 12 villages are amalgamated into 6 R—319-B—1922.
58	10	10	17,899	104,421	
76	232	232	17,818	137,506	(*e*) The Khoti village of Juwa Anjanacha lapsed to Government.
36	212	201	22,511	76,645	
48	42	33	10,448	30,544	(*f*) Last year the figures were not correctly reported by the Collector.
88	406	402	11,491	52,216	
61	22	19	14,976	192,142	(*g*) Owing to re-grouping of villages, figure differs from that reported last year.
45	41	36	17,832	22,890	
171	586	524	11,794	100,807	
13	73	55	21,023	70,464	
81	.....	2	13,329	120,642	Circle Inspectors checked 6,946 entries in Village Forms VI and VII in 304 Khoti villages.
57	.....	.....	2,841	99,005	
80	2	1	9,022	59,662	

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STATEMENT II.

Statement II showing the Measurement and Classification work performed by Circle Inspectors and other establishments deputed on routine measurement work during the year 1922-1923.

Name of District.	Arrears at the beginning of the year.		Received during the year.		Disposed of during the year.		Balance at the close of the year.		Remarks.
	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Northern Division.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	
Ahmedabad ...	24	...	500	96	500	96	24	...	
Kaira ..	177	116	869	800	982	915	64	1	
Panch Mahals.	77	...	233	10	294	10	16	...	
Broach ...	30	...	356	1	354	1	32	...	
Surat ...	18	1	606	72	526	73	98	...	
Thana ...	331	50	923	187	940	228	314	9	
Total ...	657	167	3,487	1,166	3,596	1,323	548	10	
Central Division.									
East Khandesh.	265	36	1,277	12	1,443	48	99	...	
West Khandesh.	35	3	497	19	406	14	66	8	
Nasik ...	171	1	976	48	970	49	177	...	
Ahmednagar .	162	22	565	21	530	30	197	13	
Poona ...	657	41	2,188	42	2,056	45	789	38	
Sholapur ...	289	11	354	10	337	12	306	9	
Satara ...	453	...	2,293	59	2,381	54	365	5	
Total ...	2,032	114	8,090	211	8,123	252	1,999	73	
Southern Division.									
Belgaum ...	257	4	1,045	119	1,154	117	148	6	
Bijapur ...	711	3	1,337	40	1,688	42	360	1	
Dharwar ..	737	2	1,456	75	1,071	5	1,122	72	
Kolaba ...	357	...	852	111	906	111	303	...	
Ratnagiri ...	321	11	821	41	970	44	172	8	
Kanara ..	95	28	1,758	135	1,584	158	269	5	
Total ...	2,478	48	7,269	521	7,373	477	2,374	92	
Grand Total ...	5,167	329	18,846	1,898	19,092	2,052	4,921	175	

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STATEMENT III.

STATEMENT

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle in the districts during

Name of District.		Number of villages.		Number of boundary marks inspected.
		Total in District.	Number inspected.	
1		2	3	4
Ahmedabad	S. D. O. ... 3	(a)460	314	203
	Mr. ... 9		447	5,119
Kaira	S. D. O. ... 2	(a)589	514	358
	Mr. ... 7		555	2,356
Panch Mahals	S. D. O. ... 2	430	303	511
	Mr. ... 5		384	2,749
Broach	S. D. O. ... 2	415	334	4,196
	Mr. ... 6		414	1,662
Surat	S. D. O. ... 2	821	342	1,217
	Mr. ... 9		748	7,379
Thana	S D. O. ... 4	(b)1,547	268	569
	Mr. ... 11		870	3,299
East Khandesh	S. D. O. ... 2	1,802½	262	.....
	Mr. ... 18		1,379	6,146
West Khandesh	S. D. O. ... 2	1,218	451	449
	Mr. ... 8		1,177	8,498
Nasik	S. D. O. ... 3	1,695	393	255
	Mr. ... 12		1,515	3,132
Ahmednagar	S. D. O. ... 2	1,375	319	93
	Mr. ... 12		1,314	1,584

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer. Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

III.

Inspectors' work by Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamlatdars the year 1922-23.

Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected.		Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Form Nos. VI and VII.	Remarks.
Village Officers' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.			
5	6	7	8	9
1,220	533	208	2,523	(*a*) Village Baroda transferred from Ahmedabad to Kaira.
5,816 H 2,844	1,615 H 517	518	8,226	
4,018		350	2,076	
5,437 H 7,854	1,676 H 3,600	548	10,642	
4,191 H 3,646	958 H 285	165	3,189	
4,566 H 687	1,512 H 586	399	7,257	
4,847 H 2,575	163 H 97	264	5,237	
4,068 H 1,217	1,624 H 291	414	8,519	
1,798	...	338	2,859	
11,530	5,144	749	23,116	
576 H 448	274	255	5,203	(*b*) One new village Ismailia added.
4,932 H 4,489	1 633	845	32,381	
941 H 300	162 H 4	159	2,983	
4,360 H 433	1,760	1,234	14,610	
2,868	2,607	345	7,355	
6,602	2,042	1,087	15,626	
795	142	334	1,206	
4,859	1,607	1,515	17,537	
548	76	182	2,416	
9,611	3,324	1,247	29,401	

E. O. = Ex-Officio. H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

Name of District.		Number of villages.		Number of boundary marks inspected.
		Total in District.	Number inspected.	
1		2	3	4
Poona	S. D. O. ... 3	1,176	253	35
	Mr. ... 13		997	2,018
Sholapur	S. D. O. ... 2	702	175	490
	Mr. ... 7		687	666
Satara	S. D. O. ... 3	1,358	335	396
	Mr. ... 14		1,358	6,846
Belgaum	S. D. O. ... 5	1,083	278	601
	Mr. ... 13		817	2,055
Bijapur	S. D. O. ... 2	(c)1,025	438	322
	Mr. ... 9		1,022	1,404
Dharwar	S. D. O. ... 3	(d)1,279	417	2,107
	Mr. ... 13		1,005	2,328
Kolaba	S. D. O. ... 2	1,627	382	3,641
	Mr. ... 10		1,378	10,798
Ratnagiri	S. D. O. ... 2	1,337	510	1,431
	Mr. ... 11		1,268	3,100
Kanara	S. D. O. ... 2	1,419	344	2,790
	Mr. ... 11		1,236	11,410

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer. Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

III—*concluded.*

Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected.		Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Form Nos. VI and VII.	Remarks.
Village Officers' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.			
5	6	7	8	9
1,001	.....	246	2,576	
5,429	1,773	933	18,849	
H 14,679	H 2,811			
3,082		141	1,963	
3,336	2,339	675	12,531	
684	643	286	3,686	
H 883	H 723			
3,468	6,142	1,349	74,731	
H 20,120	H 20,048			
1,629	813	372	2,597	
H 1,175	H 119			
7,046	1,832	808	15,585	
H 9,070	H 2,976			
1,078	323	320	14,016	(*c*) 163 unsettled Inam villages excluded.
5,126	1,207	1,016	21,238	
2,990	1,081	244	2,551	
8,474	3,550	962	12,235	(*d*) 10 villages amalgamated with adjoining villages.
1,216	448	298	1,861	
H 4,130	H 1,294			
3,351	1,390	1,196	20,818	
H 1,850	H 476			
90	34	480	4,133	
1,262	1,024	1,266	15,464	
1,297	368	149	1,692	
10,605	5,391	1,204	35,516	

H. = Hissas.

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STATEMENT

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District

Name of District.	Number of villages in the District.		Number of days devoted to all kinds of inspection.	Number of Circle Inspectors.
	Total.	Inspected.		
	2	3	4	5
Northern Division.				
Ahmedabad	(a) 450	48	96	18
Kaira	(a) 589	55	79	20
Panch Mahals	430	10	32	13
Broach	415	23	39	14
Surat	821	75	89	18
Thana	(b) 1,547	118	167	35
Central Division.				
East Khandesh	1,802½	84	168	41
West Khandesh	1,218	143	80	28
Nasik	1,695	101	190	38
Ahmednagar	1,375	40	52	34
Poona	1,176	43	64	26
Sholapur	702	46	123	15
Satara	1,358	80	105	35
Southern Division.				
Belgaum	1,083	84	118	28
Bijapur	1,168	104	151	...
Dharwar	1,279	101	94	38
Kolaba	1,550	88	101	30
Ratnagiri	321	101	127	17
Kanara	1,419	85	107	20

IV.

Inspectors of Land Records of the Districts during the year 1922-23.

Number of Circles.	Crop and Waste Inspection numbers checked.						Number of boundary marks examined.	Entries in the Return of Population and agricultural stock tested.
	Early.		Late.		Waste.			
	Circle Inspectors' work.	Village Accountants' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.	Village Accountants' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.	Village Accountants' work.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	79	158	...	48	7	17	231	.....
20	.....	816	...	14	...	30	75	.....
13	18	56	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
14	95	179	147	87	5	18	125	.....
18	928	872	49	36	8	40	493	.....
35	.....	268	...	21	...	...	483	.....
41	91	274	91	226	10	18	497	.....
28	624		430		112		2,105	.....
38	40 / 209	252 / 1,019	56 / 259	189 / H 945	27	57	.....	.....
34	.....	135	...	...	...	...	56	.....
26	95	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
15	.....	...	...	72	...	...	.....	.....
35	.....	229 / H 805	...	...	...	...	388	.....
28	.....	...	60	...	...	...	202	.....
...	37	...	73	...	...	...	57	.....
38	69 / 36	223 / H 198	9 / 1	25 / 35	9	13	185	.....
30	24	103	...	...	...	...	265	.....
17	10	10	88 / H 880	88 / H 880	...	...	812	.....
29	.....	...	1	...	...	...	249	.....

H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

Name of District.	Entries in the Birth and Death Register tested.	Number of Survey-Numbers tested.			
		Measured by the Circle Inspectors.	Classed by the Circle Inspectors.	Measured by the District Surveyors.	Classed by the District Surveyors.
1	15	16	17	18	19
Northern Division.					
Ahmedabad	134	16	...	9	11
Kaira	154	24 / H 71	1	4	112
Panch Mahals	3	2 / H 23	...	6	...
Broach	100	8	2	10	6
Surat	371	36 / H 44	1	38 / H 30	10
Thana	264	346	43	45	2
Central Division.					
East Khandesh	666	37	...	14	11
West Khandesh	796	65 / H 94	...	21 / H 19	...
Nasik	194	134 / H 30	1	2 / H 5	...
Ahmednagar	49	50	...	...	...
Poona	28	49	...	...	...
Sholapur	61	141	...	...	...
Satara	320	72 / H 152	...	...	...
Southern Division.					
Belgaum	64	179 / H 228	1/4 H	5	8 / H 39
Bijapur	377	79 / H 258	...	...	6
Dharwar	138	42 / H 24	...	20/4 H	3
Kolaba	31	167 / H 144	...	...	12
Ratnagiri	...	.....	...	7	8
Kanara	48	93	129	15	...

H. = Hissas.

IV—*concluded.*

Number of entries in Village Forms VI and VII tested.	Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement test.	Taluka Forms XX to XXII tested.	Number of Tagai Works inspected.	Number of entries in Village Form XVI inspected.	Remarks.
20	21	22	23	24	25
215	.....	.....	.....	6	(*a*) Village Baroda transferred from Ahmedabad to Kaira.
595	.....	.....	.....	162	
90	.....	.....	.....	14	
683	.....	.....	.....	144	
1,495	.....	.....	.....	105	
1,249	.....	.....	.....	.....	(*b*) One new village Ismailia added.
2,484	.....	.....	1	171	
1,627	.....	.....	.....	.....	
1,439	.....	.....	5	30	
99	.....	.....	.....	.....	
404	.....	.....	.....	.....	
727	.....	.....	.....	65	
1,930	.....	.....	.....	.....	
1,589	.....	.....	.....	13	
2,381	.....	.....	.....	150	
1,313	.....	.....	.....	25	
920	.....	.....	.....	.....	
1,381	.....	.....	.....	.....	
621	.....	.....	.....	106	

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT:

Office of the Commissioner in Sind,
Government House, Karachi, 10th October 1923.

Revised irrigational settlements were not introduced in any taluka during the year. Appendix A is therefore blank. The revision settlment proposals of the Warah taluka have been submitted to Government for sanction which is still awaited. The revision settlement reports of the Guni, Badin, Tando Bago and Sinjhoro (Non Jamrao) talukas have been printed and will shortly be reviewed by the Commissioner and submitted for sanction. The revision settlement report of the Karachi taluka is in the Press. The Commissioner's proposals for the conduct of revision operations in the Larkana, Kambar, Ratodero and Mirokhan talukas in the Larkana district during the coming cold weather have been sanctioned by Government.

2. The amount of work carried out at the Head Record Office is detailed in appendices B and C. The figures in columns 2 to 4 of appendix B show some increase as compared with those of the previous year which is mainly due to changes in the boundaries of certain talukas. The figures in columns 6 to 8 however show that there were no arrears at the end of the year. Entries relating to 1,367 survey numbers were examined in the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, and only 26 mistakes were discovered, most of which were corrected at the time of inspection.

In all, 938 land registers were prepared during the year as against 272 in the previous year. Out of these, 9 were prepared in consequence of territorial changes, as against 15 in the preceding year. The preparation of 47 land registers, as against 736 in the preceding year, was in arrears at the end of the year. These relate exclusively to the revision settlement of the Ghorabari taluka. The larger outturn of work during the year was due to the employment of a temporary establishment of 10 Register Writers sanctioned in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 3362, dated the 1st July 1922.

The number of maps prepared and supplied to Government officers and private individuals was 5,899 as against 7,711, the decrease occurring in the number of requisitions from the Engineering and Revenue Department officers. In addition to the maps shown above, 844 maps were corrected and deposited in the Head Record Office as office copies or for future reproduction and 411 more were prepared to replace old office copies. The total number of maps thus dealt with amounts to 7,154 as against 8,087

in the preceding year. The number of maps sent to the Photozinco Office, Poona, for reproduction was 424 as against 190.

Appendix C relates to the work done in the Record Office in consequence of new measurements carried out by the village establishments. The number of measurement papers relating to survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Record Office was 1,071 more than in the previous year. All the papers received in the Record Office were disposed of, leaving no arrears at the end of the year. The number of cases returned for the correction of errors shows some decrease, as compared with that of the preceding year. This reflects some improvement in the work of the village establishments in preparing survey papers but much room for improvement still remains. The Commissioner considers that survey work cannot be satisfactorily done so long it is entrusted to the village staff and to ignore this fact is to ignore the teachings of experience. He has accordingly asked the Superintendent, Land Records in Sind, to give his opinion as to the advisability of reducing the number of Supervising tapadars and appointing one Supervising tapadar per taluka for measurement work and maintaining extra hands as permanent measurers who may be paid from the fees charged in advance for private measurement work. When proposals in this connection take a definite shape, the Commissioner will submit them to Government for sanction.

3. The work of sorting and destroying records is reported to be up to date.

4. The Head Record Office came under the annual inspection of the Superintendent, Land Records, in May and June last, and the result was satisfactory.

5. No field survey parties were organized during the year.

The house measurement and enquiry work of the Hyderabad resurvey was completed during the year. The number of properties measured amounted to 19,508 and 18,894 properties were enquired into. The remaining work of map tracing and writing up of property registers is in progress and is expected to be completed shortly. The work done was inspected by the Superintendent Land Records. He reports that the work has been done with great economy as though the number of properties far exceeds the estimated number of 16,000, the total expenditure on the survey will be well within the sanctioned allotment of Rs. 50,000.

The traverse work of Larkana town survey was started on the 8th November 1922, under the personal supervision of the Superintendent, Land Records, and the house measurement work on 2nd December 1922. The enquiry work commenced on 22nd March 1923. Up to the end of the year, 494 theodolite stations were demarcated, 5,663 properties measured and 2,607 properties enquired into. The enquiry work is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of December next. The cost of the survey up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 9,300-13-7 of which Rs. 3-3-0 have been realized on account of copying fees.

The town survey of Jacobabad was started on 23rd June 1923. The house measurement work commenced on 22nd July 1923 and up to the end of the year, 211 theodolite stations were demarcated and 343 properties measured. The enquiry work will begin after progress has been made with the house measurement work. The cost of the survey up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 254-7-11.

The resurvey of Karachi is in progress. The work is likely to be completed by April 1924.

In the course of the maintenance of Shikarpur City Survey 1,141 theodolite stations and 9,742 properties were reviewed by the city surveyors during the year, leaving a balance of 757 theodolite stations and 3,832 properties for the completion of the second cycle of review. The balance of Rs. 2,151-7-7 shown as recoverable on account of the city survey operations at the close of the provious year was reduced to Rs. 1,000-6-10 at the close of the year under report.

The first cycle of review in the maintenance work of the Garhi Yasin town survey was completed during the year. In all 880 properties and 65 theodolite stations were reviewed, of which 450 properties and 30 theodolite stations pertain to the second cycle of review. The balance of Rs. 159-6-1 shown as outstanding last year against this survey has since been wiped off. In all Rs. 567-10-0 were recovered as sanad and late fees thus showing a surplus of Rs. 408-3-11 in favour of Government.

In the course of the maintenance of the Sukkur city survey 2,552 properties and 56 theodolite stations came under review. Out of the outstanding balance of Rs. 9,776-8-2 shown as recoverable on account of the cost of this survey, Rs. 3,625-3-3 were recovered during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 6,151-4-11 to be recovered.

The maintenance work of the Kohri town survey was started on 5th September 1922. In all 1,640 properties and 100 theodolite stations were reviewed during the year. Out of the total cost of Rs. 8,081-11-9 on this survey, Rs. 7,537-6-0 were recovered and Rs. 348-0-0 written off during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 196-5-9 for recovery at the end of the year.

6. The Superintendent tested 263 survey numbers measured by the village establishment and communicated the irregularities noticed by him to the Taluk officials concerned.

7. The four weeks' survey class was as usual held in August. It was attended by two Assistant Collectors, one Deputy Collector and three Mukhtyarkars, all of whom were granted the usual certificates. The formation of a survey party for the training of Head Munshis and graduates in survey work was dispensed with last year in the interests of economy.

8. The total cost of the Land Records Department for the year amounted to Rs. 95,088-9-11, of which Rs. 28,689-14-4 were spent on city surveys and Rs. 6,526-9-8 on field surveys.

9. The Record of Rights was neither introduced nor promulgated in any taluka in Sind during the year.

The Record was due for re-writing in 12 dehs of the Karachi taluka and in the Tatta, Shahbandar, Mirpur Bathoro, Jati and Sujawal talukas of the Karachi district, in the Tando Bago taluka of the Hyderabad district, in the Shahdadpur taluka of the Nawabshah district, in the Samaro taluka of the Thar Parkar district, in the Ratodero and Mirokhan talukas of the Larkana district, in deh Kartar of the Rohri taluka of the Sukkur district and in the Thul, Kandhkot and Kashmor talukas of the Upper Sind Frontier district. The work was actually carried out in 10 dehs of the Karachi taluka, and in the Tatta, Shahbandar, Mirpur Bathoro, Jati and Sujawal talukas of the Karachi district. The re-writing was postponed in deh Kartar of the Rohri taluka owing to the land being under water, in the Samaro taluka of the Thar Parkar district owing to the number of mutations being small, in dehs Thano and Drigh of the Karachi taluka, in the Tando Bago taluka of the Hyderabad district, in the Shahdadpur taluka of the Nawabshah district, in the Ratodero and Mirokhan talukas of the Larkana district, and in the Thul, Kandhkot and Kashmor talukas of the Upper Sind Frontier district owing to the prospective introduction of the Maxwell system of keeping the Record of Rights under Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 395-B, dated the 28th February 1923. The re-writing of the Record in the Kotri taluka of the Karachi district, in the Sakrand and Kandiaro talukas of the Nawabshah district, in the Mirpurkhas, Jamesabad, Digri, Umarkot, Sanghar and Khipro talukas of the Thar Parkar district, referred to in the previous year's report, was completed during the year under report.

The work of measuring fresh sub-divisions was up to date, except in the Kotri taluka of the Karachi district where it was postponed till September 1923 as the stones were not available. It was done by the village establishment as a part of their ordinary duties.

The total number of cases in which acquisition of rights was not reported during the year was 773 and the fines imposed amounted roughly to Rs. 2,500.

The revenue accounts were based on the entries in the Record of Rights in the whole Province except in the areas specially exempted from the operation of the rules.

The maintenance of the Record is on the whole satisfactory.

L. J. MOUNTFORD,
Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX B.

Showing the work done in the Head Record Office, Hyderābad, Sind, in connection with sketches, etc.

Year.	Number of cases necessitating correction in Survey Records.				Number of cases returned duly corrected.				Number of cases remaining for correction at the end of the year.				Number of extracts from Survey Registers supplied.	Number of Survey Registers prepared and supplied to		
	Survey Registers.	Maps.		Lists of Karia rebate.	Survey Registers.	Maps.		Lists of Karia rebate.	Survey Registers.	Maps.		Lists of Karia rebate.		Village Establishment.	District Officers.	Petitioners.
		English.	Sindhi.			English.	Sindhi.			English.	Sindhi.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1922-23 ...	2,948	115	2,248	...	2,948	115	2,248	...	...	...	...	...	252	32	-...	19
1921-22 ...	2,590	110	1,972	13	2,590	110	1,972	13	...	...	...	...	790	16	...	4

APPENDIX B—*continued.*

Year.	Number of copies of Field Books supplied.	Land Registers prepared for the Head Record Office.	Number of Maps supplied.								Maps prepared for printing.		Maps prepared to replace old office copies in the Head Record Office.	Remarks.
			Free of cost to Village Establishment.	On payment to Village Establishment.	To District Officers.		To petitioners on payment.		To the Public Works Department.					
					English.	Sindhi.	English.	Sindhi.	English.	Sindhi.	English.	Sindhi.		
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1922-23 ...	Cases 2,665 S. Nos. 9031	938	2,928	148	2	118	19	756	97	1,831	13	411	411	
1921-22 ...	Cases 2,766 S. Nos. 11041	257	4,251	217	87	10	2	859	34	2,251	8	182	123	

A. M. GREEN,
for Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX C.

Showing the work done in the Head Record Office, Hyderabad, Sind, in connection with new measurements done by Village Establishments.

District.	Number of talukas in which survey work was done.	Number of survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Survey records.	Number of survey numbers returned after making entries in the Survey records, maps and registers.	Number of survey numbers returned without entry in the Survey records with lists of errors.	Arrears at the end of the year.	Remarks.
Sukkur ...	8	3,837	2,051	1,786	...	
Upper Sind Frontier ...	5	809	512	297	...	
Karachi ...	10	3,286	2,345	941	...	
Thar Parkar ...	8	804	355	449	...	
Larkana ...	11	1,010	593	417	...	
Nawabshah ...	7	1,194	755	439	...	
Hyderabad ...	7	2,010	1,068	942	...	
Total for 1922-23 ...	56	12,950	7,679	5,271	...	
Total for 1921-22 ...	55	11,879	5,834	6,045	...	

A. M. GREEN,
for Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing the test of Tapadars' and Supervising Tapadars' inspection work by Sub-divisional Officers in the Province during 1922-23.

Name of district.	Number of dehs.		Number of dehs in which boundary marks repair was examined.	Number of survey numbers in which crops and tenancy record was checked.		Number of dehs in which birth and death registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Form 1-C and 1-D.	Remarks.
	Total in the district.	Number visited during the year.		Tapadars' work.	Supervising Tapadars' work.			
Karachi	798	507	34	9,059 A. g. +87 27 bigoti measurement.	4,261	74	3,473	
Hyderabad	925	404	70	4,598	4,524	185	1,838	
Thar Parkar	964	787	101	34,016 A. g. +379 5 bigoti measurement.	8,975	317	68,275	
Larkana	754	574	51	16,361	5,369	138	7,075	
Nawabshah	756	470	44	13,523	4,267	145	7,600	
Sukkur	677	478	888	12,678	3,823	158	5,195	
Upper Sind Frontier	433	353	44	4,705 A. g. +731 25 bigoti measurement.	1,164	93	1,690	
Total ...	5,307	3,573	1,232	94,940 A. g. +1,198 17 bigoti measurement.	32,383	1,110	95,136	

A. M. GREEN,
for Commissioner in Sind.

No. 1226 of 1923.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, LAND RECORDS, BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, 24th September 1923.

From

W. J. NEWLAND, ESQ.,
Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay;

To

THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND
DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, for the year ending 31st July 1923.

2. I held charge as Superintendent, Land Records, and Mr. Bhatkar held charge as District Inspector, Land Records, throughout the year. Government in the Development Department have, in their Resolution No.S.C.-1226 dated 14th August 1923, extended the period of the appointments of Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, and Superintendent, Land Records, for this Division, for a further period of three years from 1st April 1923.

3. *Tour.*—In May last I visited the City Survey Office, Bandra, and the District Survey Office, Andheri, for inspection. The District Inspector toured throughout the district, testing the work of the Circle Inspectors, and inspecting Record of Rights, etc.; he also inspected the Bandra City Survey Office. No serious irregularities were noticed during our inspections.

4. *District Survey Office.*—The District Survey Office is still housed in a portion of the Notified Area Committee's office building at Andheri; it will be removed next winter to the new Survey Office building which is now under construction.

During the year under report the District Survey Office disposed of 41 correction cases consisting of 462 Survey Numbers out of a total of 50 cases consisting of 610 Survey Numbers, and 662 miscellaneous cases. The remaining nine correction cases were received late in July last. One post of clerk was kept vacant for want of sufficient work upto April when it was filled as the work in the office showed a tendency to increase. Rs. 667-4-0 were realised from the sale of printed maps and extracts from survey records. The cost of maps and extracts supplied to Government officers free of charge comes to Rs. 281-12-0, approximately.

During the inspection of the District Survey Office I found that the records were not up-to-date, owing to the fact that all cases for

correction were not sent to the District Inspector. For instance, it was found that out of about 179 Notifications regarding acquisitions that have appeared in the *Gazette* since 1921, papers in connection with only 27 Notifications were received in the District Survey Office for correction of records. Similarly, as regards non-agricultural holdings the survey records are not up-to-date, as the information about conversion of agricultural lands into non-agricultural holdings and *vice versa* was not sent to the District Survey Office promptly. This matter has been brought to the notice of the Development Officers, and cases for correction are now being sent to the District Survey Office. It must, however, be noted that, unless all the officers in the district who are entrusted with the duties of acquisition and conversion of agricultural into non-agricultural lands co-operate with the Land Records staff in keeping the records upto date, hopeless confusion and serious consequences both as regards Government and private interests are inevitable.

The Tab and Pigeon-hole systems are in working order.

5. *Field work.*—In this district there is no staff of Cadastral Surveyors. Simple cases of measurement were done by the Revenue Circle Inspectors, and the important and complicated measurement and classification cases were done by the District Surveyor. Three Circle Inspectors disposed of 60 cases involving measurement of 143 Survey Numbers of course in addition to their routine duties. The close of the year under report showed a balance of 16 cases involving measurement of 42 Survey Numbers, pending with these Circle Inspectors. The District Surveyor alone disposed of 55 cases of measurement in 663 Survey Numbers and 6 cases of classification in 15 Survey Numbers. Rs. 619-6-0 were realised on account of measurement work done on private applications; the approximate cost of measurement work done on behalf of Government is reported to be Rs. 916-4-0.

Last year it was proposed that one Cadastral Surveyor should be appointed to do all measurement work in the district, as the Revenue Circle Inspectors did not show good results in their measurement work. But since then they have been brought under proper control with the result that the out-turn of measurement work done by them is not so discouraging; and if they continue to do this work promptly, the necessity for appointing a Cadastral Surveyor will not arise, unless it is proposed to take up the Pôt Hissa survey work which is held in abeyance on account of progressive Development operations.

One Circle Inspector was appointed temporarily during the year at the cost of the Bombay Municipality to measure lands required for the Tansa Pipe Line from Paspoli to Kirol; the plans and statements for them were sent to the Assistant Development Officer for Kurla Area, for further action, and a detailed report thereon was submitted to the Collector, Bombay Suburban District. The amount spent on this work is Rs. 608-10-0 against Rs. 700 sanctioned by the Bombay Municipality. This measurement was done wholly under the supervision of the District Inspector. The District

Inspector's assistance and guidance is fully availed of by the Surveyors under the Development Officers in all complicated survey cases.

6. *City Survey and Maintenance.*—As no suitable man could be obtained, the post of Maintenance Surveyor, Bandra City Survey, was vacant upto 1st October 1922 when it was filled by the appointment of Mr. Rokde, who reviewed during the last 10 months 1,277 properties and 205 theodolite stations out of 2,091 properties and 654 theodolite stations. Out of the properties reviewed he had to measure 332 and correct the maps in respect of 265. The missing theodolite stones could not be replaced for want of funds. The accommodation for this office is insufficient and cramped, nor is the office properly equipped with necessary furniture, but provision in the next year's budget estimate has been made to meet all requirements. Progress of review work was rather slow, as the Maintenance Surveyor had not much experience of city survey work, and he had to spend much time in clearing off arrears of past years. He appears to be keen on his work and should with more experience prove a useful man.

7. *Village Site Survey.*—Provision has been made in the next year's budget estimate for the appointment of a Maintenance Surveyor for village sites in South Salsette, and it is hoped that his appointment will be made from 1st April 1924. The record stands in need of revision owing to certain changes in the gaothan limits. When the record is revised, occupants' sketches will be issued and fees recovered.

The Record of Rights for Malad gaothan could not be prepared during the year for want of funds. The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona, has now provided money out of the grant at his disposal to meet the cost of this work, and the establishment will be entertained soon after the monsoon ceases.

8. *Town-planning Schemes.*—Only one Town Planning Scheme No. II of Santa Cruz was received for survey correction during the year, for which Kam Jasti Patraks were prepared and sent to the Mamlatdar for further action.

9. *Boundary Marks Repairs Work.*—Boundary Marks repairs work was done in the following villages in the South Salsette Taluka according to programme :—

Name of Circle.	Number of villages.
Bandra	3
Borivli	5
Kurla	6

10. *Boundary Dispute.*—No boundary dispute came up for decision during the year.

11. *Record of Rights.*—The rewriting of the Record of Rights was completed according to programme in the following circles during the year :—

Name of Circle.	Number of villages.
Bandra	13
Borivli	14

The Kurla Circle was to be taken up for rewriting according to the Maxwell System, but was postponed as printed forms and detailed instructions were not received in time from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona. The Ambarnath Taluka also was due for rewriting, but was held up, pending receipt of printed forms and instructions under the new system.

12. During the year under report 36 Kam Jasti Patraks, affecting 462 Survey Numbers were received, and, after due scrutiny were sanctioned by me and returned to the District Inspector for further action.

13. The District Inspector used in 2 cases the power to levy fines under section 135-F of the Land Revenue Code, given in Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 1457, dated 25th May 1921.

14. *Establishment.*—The District Survey Office staff is reported to be working satisfactorily, and Mr. Bhatkar, the District Inspector, efficiently controlled the work of the office. A statement is enclosed to show the details of work done by the District Inspector during the year.

My office consisted of one Head Clerk, Mr. B. B. Nadgir, whose services have been useful and satisfactory.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. J. NEWLAND,
Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

No. 89 of 1923.

OFFICE OF THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR, LAND RECORDS, BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, 1st December 1923.

Submitted to Government.

2. As in last year a separate divisional report has not been compiled as Mr. Newland's report covers the whole of the Bombay Suburban Division. The work would seem to be generally satisfactory but the Superintendent, Land Records, brings to light an important matter in the failure of Officers concerned to give prompt notice of lands acquired and agricultural lands converted to

non-agricultural uses. Steps have apparently been taken to remedy this and the Collector, Bombay Suburban District, and Salsette Development Officer will further be addressed regarding it.

3. Mr. Newland has continued to conduct the office and work of Superintendent, Land Records, with smoothness and efficiency.

J. R. MARTIN,
Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

STATEMENT I.

Statement I showing Crop, Waste, Boundary Marks and other Inspection carried out by Circle Inspectors in the district during the year 1922-23.

Name of District.	Number of villages in the district.	Number of villages in the district.		Number of days actually devoted to inspection work (average).	Crop and Tenancy Inspection.		Waste Inspection.		Repair of Boundary Marks.					Inspection of Tagai work.				Remarks.
	Number of Circle Inspectors in the district.	Total.	Numbers inspected.		Total number of occupied Survey Numbers.	Number of Survey Numbers and sub-divisions.	Number of Waste numbers other than forest.	Number inspected.	Number of villages due for inspection.	Number of villages completely inspected and repaired.		Balance of villages outstanding at close of season.		Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors on inspection and repairs.	Number of Tagai works examined.	Number in which work was finished.	Number of entries checked in Birth and Death Registers.	Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII.	
									Arrears, past year.	Current year's programme.	Arrears, past year.	Current year's programme.	Arrears, past year.	Current year's programme.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bombay Suburban District.	4	92	73	148	6,460	1,065 H 4,697	565	119	1	13	1	13	...	...	223	...	...	977	15,675	

H. SMITH,

for Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

STATEMENT II.

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by the Circle Inspectors during the year 1922-23.

Name of District.	Arrears at the beginning of the year.		Received during the year.		Disposed of during the year.		Balance at the close of the year.		Remarks.
	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	
	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	
Bombay Suburban District.	92	5	808	13	806	15	94	3	***

*** This statement includes the work done by the District Surveyor.

STATEMENT III.

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle Inspectors' work by Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamlatdars in the district during the year 1922-23.

Name of District.	Number of villages.		Number of boundary marks examined.	Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Records were inspected.		Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII.	Remarks.
	Total in district.	Number inspected.		Village Officers' works.	Circle Inspectors' work.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Bombay Suburban District—								
S. D. O. 1 ...	92	...	...	4	4	6	60	
Mr. 2 ...		44	179	125	1,017	35	2,651 (V. F. VI).	
			H 820	H 1,042			622 (V. F. VII).	

H. SMITH,

for Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

STATEMENT IV.

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District Inspector of Land Records, Bombay Suburban District, during the year 1922-23.

Name of district.	Number of villages in the district.		Number of days devoted to all kinds of inspection.	Number of Circle Inspectors.	Number of Circles.	Crop and Waste inspection numbers tested.						Number of boundary marks examined.
						Early.		Late.		Waste.		
	Total.	Inspected.				Circle Inspector's work.	Village Accountant's work.	Circle Inspector's work.	Village Accountant's work.	Circle Inspector's work.	Village Accountant's work.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bombay Suburban District.	92	52	196	4	4	...	30	...	...	...	2	27

Name of district.	Entries in the Return of Population and Agricultural Stock tested.	Entries in the Birth and Death Registers tested.	Number of Survey numbers tested.				Number of entries in Village Forms VI and VII tested.	Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement work.	Taluka Forms XX to XXIII tested.	Number of Tagai Works examined.	Number of entries in Village Form XVI inspected.	Remarks.
			Measured by the Circle Inspector.	Classed by the Circle Inspector.	Measured by the District Surveyor.	Classed by the District Surveyor.						
1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bombay Suburban District.	...	234	310	...	173	10	2,552	...	...	...	82	

H. SMITH,

for Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. P.—62.

Bombay Castle, 22nd February 1924.

Letter from the Superintendent of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 1226 dated 24th September 1923—Submitting the Annual Report of the Department of Land Records of the Bombay Suburban Division for the year 1922-23.

Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 89 dated 1st December 1923.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. P.—85-I. dated 10th October 1923.

Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. A.D.—124 dated 11th January 1924—Submitting copy of the Report of the Department of Land Records in the Bombay Presidency for the year 1922-23 and making remarks.

RESOLUTION.—The progress of measurement and classification work is on the whole satisfactory, although arrears have increased in some districts. Special attention should be paid towards the reduction of these arrears as far as practicable. Government note with satisfaction that the measurement work in the Northern Division is now self-supporting; and with the increase in the measurement fees from January 1923, there is not likely to be a deficit on this account in the Central and Southern Divisions also.

2. The Settlement Commissioner remarks that for want of budget provision for field parties, Government work ordinarily done by such parties had to be suspended. A provision of Rs. 52,000 has been made for this purpose in the budget for 1923-24 and step have been taken to provide sufficient funds in next year's budget also. Government trust that with the help of these provisions such important Government work has may have been left over will be taken up and completed forthwith.

3. As the Settlement Commissioner observes, the question of city surveys is now one of increasing importance. Great advance has already been made in city surveys and the work of maintaining them is in progress in many places. This maintenance work is done mostly at the public cost and the question of making it self-supporting is under the consideration of Government.

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4. Government note that the very important work of keeping the land records up-to-date has been allowed to fall into arrears and neglect in the Bombay Suburban Division. The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records of that Division should be requested to report to Government at an early date the result of the steps which he proposes to take to remedy this serious defect in the administration which is, otherwise, on the whole, satisfactory.

5. Government will await the report promised by the Commissioner in Sind in paragraph 2 of his report as regards the advisability of reducing the number of supervising tapedars and appointing one supervising tapedar per taluka for measurement work and maintaining additional permanent measures, with a view to more efficient performance of survey work in Sind.

6. The Governor in Council is pleased to notice the good work performed by the Land Records Department under the efficient supervision of the Directors concerned.

By order of the Governor in Council,

A. R. DALAL,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

G. R. No. P.—62, R. D., dated the 22nd February 1924.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Commissioner, Bombay Suburban Division,
All Collectors, including the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division,
The Accountant General,
The Director of Information,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
F. G. H. Anderson, Esquire, I.C.S.,
J. R. Martin, Esquire, I.C.S.,
The High Commissioner for India (by letter).

No. of 1924.

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